



St. Mark Parish

St. Mark is a Catholic parish committed to fostering discipleship through the Word of God and the Sacraments. We are dedicated to providing Catholic education to our youth, to bringing a deeper relationship with Christ to our adults, and to supporting those in need through the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. We encourage all of our parishioners to participate in the shared responsibility of worship, prayer, study and service.

February 9, 2025



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

They left everything
and followed him.
- Lk 5:11

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PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Adam Zajac
Pastor

Mrs. Karen Cocita
Principal

Mrs. Meaghan McCarthy-Silver
Pastoral Minister

Mrs. Julia Wallace
Music Ministry Director

Mr. Michael Kay
Youth Ministry Director

Mrs. Jeannette Puckett
Parish School of Religion
(PSR) Director

COMMUNITY & SACRAMENTS

New Parishioners: All are welcome to join the parish! Visit the website or call the parish office to arrange to meet a pastoral staff member.

Become Catholic: Interested in becoming Catholic? Call the parish office for an appointment with a pastoral staff member to learn more.

Infant Baptism: As you celebrate a new birth, make sure to arrange for the child's baptism. The third Sunday of the month is our regular schedule.

Reconciliation: Mercy and peace are here for you. Confession is available on Saturdays from 3:00pm to 3:45pm, or by appointment.

Marriage: Over six months we will prepare you to exchange vows before the altar. Whether engaged or civilly married, contact us to get started.

Anointing of the Sick: If you or a loved one is seriously sick, please call the parish office to arrange for a priest to visit and anoint.

Homebound: We are happy to bring Communion to you if you are unable to participate in the celebration of Mass.

LITURGY AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Papal Intention

February: For vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

Liturgy Schedule

Scripture readings can be found online at:
bible.usccb.org

Monday, February 10-St. Scholastica

8:30am Mass.....Maureen Gale

Tuesday, February 11

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

8:30am Mass.....Women & Men in Consecrated Life

Wednesday, February 12

Thursday, February 13

8:30am Mass..... Ann Goyette

Friday, February 14-Sts. Cyril, Monk & Methodius

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

Saturday, February 15

3:00pm Confessions

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4:00pm Mass Carmine Filice

4:30pm Mass @ St. Mel

Sunday, February 16-6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am Mass @ St. Mel

8:30am Mass..... For the Parishioners of St. Mark Parish and the Parishioners of St. Mel Parish

10:00am Mass @ St. Mel

11:30am Mass Deacon Dave Lundeen

Pray for the Sick

We commend to your personal prayers parishioners who have asked to be prayed for:

William Adams	Irene Gurchensky	Judy Reitz
Gianna Andolina	Carol Hughes	Aimee Roscoe
Jack Behnke	David Kurth	Nora Sudetic
Katy Brent	Gerald McArthur	George Surovec
Henry Buehner	Jim McIlwee	Herb Tippie
James Coyne	Mary Miller	Georgiann Treible
Matthew Craven	Maisie Nowlin	Joe Wantz
Nicole Foerstner	Bill Retzer	Charlotte Whiting
Mary Frantz	Mary Stark	Lillian Zahara
Theresa Fridrich	Sr. Josette Obodzinski	Lew Zahara Jr.
		Joseph Zavatchen Jr.

Pray for the Deceased

Deacon Kenneth Hill

May perpetual light shine upon them

Other Intentions

Weekly Luke McGraw Memorial Candles Intention

Special Intention

Liturgical Ministers	emHCs	Lectors	Servers
Saturday, February 15 @ 4:00pm	John Levis Mary Price Rosanne Kelley	Paul Gambon	Aidan Gompf Kerri Gompf Joseph Sowul
Sunday, February 16 @ 8:30am	Kathy O'Malley Karen Cocita NOT FILLED	Agnes Butler Mary Lewis	Julia McNulty Luke Meisterics Rose Murray
Sunday, February 16 @ 11:30am	Deirdre Mueller Shawn Wroten NOT FILLED	Tim Mohr NOT FILLED	Kiera Laurent Jackson Wroten Cormac Wroten

NEWS AND EVENTS

Offertory Collections

In-Pew Collection (past Sunday)\$ 3,213.00
Faith Direct (past month total)\$ 5,325.00
Thank you for your generosity!

Parish News

2025 Catholic Charities Appeal

February 15 & 16

The 2025 Catholic Charities Appeal will take place next weekend in our parish. Please refer to the insert in this week's bulletin which includes our parish's goal and an overview of the importance of Catholic Charities in our communities. This year's appeal theme is "Make me a channel of your peace." Your generous support will bring peace to the lives of others, to offer dignity, possibilities and companionship to those who are most vulnerable.

Our in-pew commitment process will take place next weekend, February 15-16. All who have not received the mailing from Bishop Malesic, or have not had a chance to respond to it, will be asked to consider making a generous pledge to support the ministries and services provided by Catholic Charities. If you have received the mailing, please respond generously to it. No need to fill out an additional envelope this year, stating you have already given.

We invite you to view stories of inspiration and more information at CatholicCommunity.org/2025Appeal

Parish Outreach

Mark's Madness Fundraiser March 9th 6-8pm

This fundraising basketball game between 8th grade day school/PSR students and coaches/teachers of all sports supports our Parish Outreach program, which helps people in our parish.

There will be a Second Collection for our Parish Outreach program this weekend at all Masses. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Reminders and Regular Events

Holy Name Society Meetings

Fellowship, prayer, and service for all parishioners

All men and women of the parish ages 18 and older are welcome to join the St. Mark Holy Name Society. Meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm in either the Picnic Pavilion or Social Hall. At these gatherings, we dine together and discuss what event we will be doing next to help the community of St. Mark. If you would like to know more, contact Jim Cocita at: jimcocita@gmail.com

Annual Super Bowl Party

Sunday, February 9th

Come join us at the Holy Name Society Annual Super Bowl Party. All are invited. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Free Will Donation of \$10.00. Sloppy Joes, popcorn, pop, water and beer supplied. Bring a dish to share with others! Two large screen TV's. Squares and Football question game available to participate.

Young Family Gatherings

Connect with other young parents

Once a month after the 8:30am mass, young families are welcome to gather in the Social Hall (or Pavilion) for bagels, coffee, and community. Dates vary each month. For questions contact Briana Dave at: bciancibello@gmail.com

Upcoming Dates: February 9, March 16 and April 13

Donut & Coffee Social

Once a month after all masses in the Social Hall. Gather with fellow parishioners. For questions contact Michael Kay at mkay@stmarkcleveland.com

Upcoming Date: March 8 & 9

Reminders and Regular Events

Sunday Rosary

A devotion to enrich your prayer life

Please come to pray with Mary, Our Blessed Mother, in this beautiful devotion. Parishioners gather in the church to pray the rosary after the 8:30am mass every Sunday. Contemplating the mysteries of the life of Christ, we pray for peace and grace in the world.

Living Stations of the Cross

Open to all students in grades 7 to 12

Living Stations is a powerful prayer and performance put on by the youth of St. Mark, St. Chris and OLA parishes. Anyone in 7th through 12th grade is welcome to join. Weekly practices will begin February 9th at St. Mark on Sundays at 4pm in the Church, to prepare for three performances during Holy Week in April. If you are interested, join us at one of the information nights to learn more! See the flyers at the church doors for more information and reach out to Michael Kay to sign up or ask any questions

mkay@stmarkcleveland.com or 216-904-4774. We are excited to welcome you to Living Stations 2025!

REQUEST FOR 2024 CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Please send a request via email to dbroughton@stmarkcleveland.com or fill out this form and return it to the Parish Office.

Name (print) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email report to: _____

Pick up at Parish Office _____ Mail to above address _____

General Parish Calendar

Saturday,	February 8	
3:00 pm	Confession	
4:00 pm	Mass	
5:30 pm	Basketball Tournament	
Sunday,	February 9	
8:30 am	Mass	
8:30 am	Sunday PreSchool	CR
9:30 am	Young Families	SH
9:30 am	Rosary	
11:30 am	Mass LS	
4:00 pm	Living Stations Prac.	CH
5:00 pm	Super Bowl Party	SH
Monday,	February 10	
8:30 am	Mass	
2:30 pm	Youth Choir Prac.	CH
5:00pm-9:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	G/FR
6:00 pm	Living Stations	CH
6:30 pm	PSR Class Gr. 1-8	CR
Tuesday,	February 11	
8:30 am	Mass w/2nd Floor	
2:30 pm	Children's Choir Prac.	CH
4:30 pm	RCIC	CC
5:00pm-9:00pm	Basketball Tourn.	G/FR
6:00 pm	Holy Name Mtg.	SH
Wednesday,	February 12	
3:15 pm	Parent/Teacher Conference	CR
4:00 pm	RCIA	CC
5:00pm-9:00pm	Basketball Tournament	G/FR
5:30 pm	Daisy Troop Mtg.	SH
Thursday,	February 13	
8:30 am	Mass	
3:15 pm	Parent/Teacher Conf.	CR
5:00pm-9:00pm	Basketball Tournament	G/FR
6:00 pm	Scout Pack #268 Den Mtg.	SH
7:00 pm	Troop #293	SH
7:00 pm	St. Mark & St. Mel Parish Council @ St. Mel	
Friday,	February 14	
	School Closed	
9:00 am	Teacher Inservice	SH
5:00pm-9:00pm	Basketball Tournament	G/FR
Saturday,	February 15	
3:00 pm	Confession	
4:00 pm	Mass	
5:30 pm	Basketball Tournament	
Sunday,	February 16	
8:30 am	Mass	
8:30 am	Sunday PreSchool	CR
9:30 am	Rosary	
11:30 am	Mass LS w/Y&C Choir	
4:00 pm	Living Stations Prac.	CH
6:00 pm	Youth Group	CC

Note: (LS)=Livestreamed

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
"Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?"
"Here I am," I said; "send me!" (Is 6:8)

Psalm:

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord. (Ps 138)

Second Reading:

Therefore, whether it be I or they,
so we preach and so you believed. (1 Cor 15:11)

Gospel:

Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid;
from now on you will be catching men."
When they brought their boats to the shore,
they left everything and followed him. (Lk 5:10-11)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"I am a sinful man," says Simon Peter as he falls to his knees before Jesus. He had doubted the Lord, had hesitated to follow his instructions. How often can the same be said of us? Remember that God knows the outcome. He knows our nets will be filled. Do not be afraid.

Observances for the week of February 9, 2025

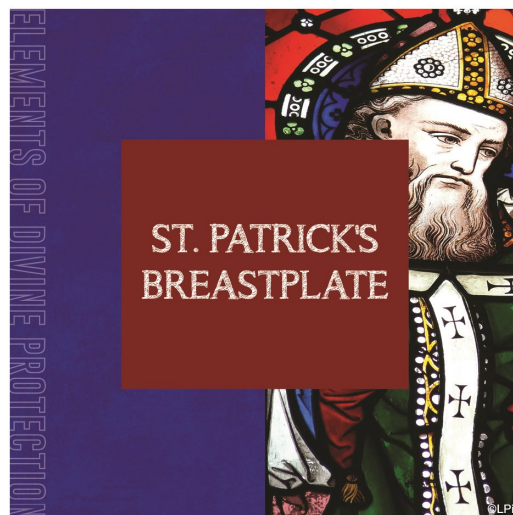
Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day

Monday: St. Scholastica, Virgin

Tuesday: Our Lady of Lourdes

Friday: Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop;
Valentine's Day

Next Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, *Explained!*

St. Patrick's Breastplate is an ancient Irish prayer attributed to St. Patrick. Its eleven sections call upon different elements of divine protection, beseeching Christ to surround the physical and spiritual reality of those who say it.

Prayer When Facing the Unknown

Dear Jesus,
When you call me to places
where I am unfamiliar, be with
me. When you invite me to a
mission I feel ill-equipped to
handle, give me your strength.
Help me to leave everything
and follow you.

Amen.

General Audience of Pope Francis, on 29 January 2025

Cycle of Catechesis – Jubilee 2025. Jesus Christ our Hope. I. The Infancy of Jesus. 3. «You are to name Him Jesus» (Mt 1:21). The annunciation to Joseph

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today we will continue to contemplate Jesus our hope in the mystery of His origins, as narrated by the infancy Gospels.

Whereas Luke lets us do so from the perspective of the mother, the Virgin Mary, instead Matthew takes the perspective of Joseph, the man who assumes the legal paternity of Jesus, grafting him onto the trunk of Jesse and linking him to the promise made to David.

Indeed, Jesus is *the hope of Israel which is fulfilled*: He is the descendent promised to David (cf. *2 Sam 7:12; 1Cr 17:11*), who makes his home “blessed for ever” (*2 Sam 7:29*); He is the shoot that buds from the trunk of Jesse (cf. *Is 11:1*), the “righteous Branch, [who] shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land” (cf. *Jer 23:5; 33:15*).

Joseph enters the scene in the Gospel of Matthew as Mary’s betrothed. For the Hebrews, betrothal was a full legal bond, which prepared for what would happen around a year later, the celebration of marriage. It was then that the woman passed from the father’s custody to that of her husband, moving into his home and making herself willing to the gift of motherhood.

It is precisely during this time that Joseph discovers Mary’s pregnancy, and his love is harshly put to the test. Faced with a similar situation, which would have led to the termination of the betrothal, the Law suggested two possible solutions: either a legal act of a public nature, such as the convocation of the woman in court, or a private action such as giving the woman a letter of repudiation.

Matthew defines Joseph as a “righteous” man (*zaddiq*), a man who lives according to the Law of the Lord, and who draws inspiration from this in every occasion of his life. Thus, following the Word of God, Joseph acts thoughtfully: he does not let himself be overcome by instinctive feelings and fear of accepting Mary with him, but prefers to be guided by divine wisdom. He chooses to part with Mary quietly, privately (cf. *Mt 1:19*). And this is Joseph’s wisdom, which enables him not to make mistakes and to make himself open and docile to the voice of the Lord.

In this way, Joseph of Nazareth brings to mind another Joseph, son of Jacob, dubbed the “lord of dreams” (cf. *Gen 37:19*), greatly beloved by his father and much loathed by his brothers, whom the Lord raised up by having him sit in the Pharaoh’s court.

Now, what does Joseph of Nazareth dream of? He dreams of the miracle that God fulfils in Mary’s life, and also the miracle that he works in his own life: to take on a fatherhood capable of guarding, protecting and passing on a material and spiritual inheritance. The womb of his bride is pregnant with God’s promise, a promise that bears a name in which the certainty of salvation is given to all (cf. *Acts 4:12*).

As he sleeps, Joseph hears these words: “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus because he will save his people from their sins” (*Mt 1:20-21*). Faced with this revelation, Joseph does not ask for further proof; he trusts. Joseph trusts in God, he accepts the God’s dream of his life and that of his betrothed. He thus enters into the grace of one who knows how to live the divine promise with faith, hope and love.

Joseph, in all of this, does not utter a word, but he believes, hopes and loves. He does not express himself with “idle words”, but with concrete deeds. He belongs to the lineage of those who, according to the apostle James, “put the Word into practice” (cf. *James 1:22*), translating it into deeds, flesh, life. Joseph trusts in God and obeys: “His inner watchfulness for God ... leads quite spontaneously to obedience” (Benedict XVI, *The Infancy Narratives*, Milan-Vatican City 2012, 57).

Sisters, brothers, let us, too, ask the Lord for the grace to listen more than we speak, the grace to dream God’s dreams and to welcome responsibly the Christ who, from the moment of our baptism, lives and grows in our life. Thank you!

*St. Mark School
75th Anniversary Gala*

Saturday, March 1st

5:00 -10:00

Tours following 4:00 Mass

St. Mark Community Center

\$60 per person

Dinner, Drinks and Dancing

Adults Only



To RSVP scan the QR Code or visit
stmarkcleveland.com/rsvp